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Claim 17 (Amended) A virus containing the recombinant construct as defined by claim 1 and as produced according to [claim 16] a method for the production of a mild strain of potyvirus comprising inoculating plants with the recombinant potyvirus infectious construct and collecting the results progeny.

Claim 18 (Amended) Produce inoculated with the recombinant construct as defined in [the preceding claims] claim 1 and in the method according to [claim 13] a method for providing protection against viral infection in plants comprising inoculating plants with the recombinant potyvirus infectious construct.

Claim 20 (Amended) Compositions for plant inoculation or for transient expression of foreign nucleic acid in plants containing, as an active ingredient, the recombinant construct according to claim 1 [-12] or a virus containing the recombinant construct according to [claim 17] a virus containing the recombinant construct and as produced according to a method for the production of a mild strain of potyvirus comprising inoculating plants with the recombinant potyvirus infectious construct and collecting the results progeny.